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1. RADIO BAHAMAS JULY 5 CARRIED FEATURE FROM CORRESPONDENT MIKE SMITH, CURRENTLY IN CARACAS, ON LOS. SMITH REPORTED IT "NOW APPEARS" MAJORITY OF NATIONS ATTENDING LOS CONFERENCE WILL "ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE" ARCHIPELAGO THEORY, TOGETHER WITH 12-MILE TERRITORIAL SEA AND 200-MILE RESOURCE JURISDICTION. SMITH ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT CHIEF CUBAN DELEGATE HAS SAID CUBA WILL ACCEPT BAHAMIAN ARCHIPELAGO "IN PRINCIPLE, IF SHIPPING RIGHTS ARE PRESERVED."

2. SMITH INTERVIEWED BAHAMIAN DELEGATE GEORGE STEWART (FIRST ASSISTANT SECRETARY, MINEXTAFF) AND ASKED WHETHER STEWART SURPRISED AT CUBAN STATEMENT. STEWART REPLIED IN NEGATIVE, ON GROUNDS THAT (A) CUBA IS IN FACT AN ARCHIPELAGO ITSELF AND (B) CUBA HAS HAD DOMESTIC LEGISLATION FOR MANY YEARS BESTOWING ARCHIPELAGO STATUS ON ITS SOUTHERN ISLANDS BY MEANS OF

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STRAIGHT BASELINES METHOD OF DELIMITING TERRITORIAL SEA.

STEWART, IN RESPONSE TO SMITH'S QUESTION, SAID THAT HE FORE-
SAW NO PROBLEM IN RESOLVING OVERLAPPING JURISDICTIONAL ZONES
BETWEEN BAHAMAS AND "ADJACENT STATES", SUGGESTING THAT SEVERAL
METHODS FOR DOING SO, INCLUDING EQUIDISTANCE PRINCIPLE AND
EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION RULE, ALREADY EXIST UNDER INTERNATIONAL
LAW.

3. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RESULTS MEETING FORECAST REFTEL
AND OTHER LOS DEL REPORTING RELEVANT HERE.
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